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In re Application of:	)	
Hiroki Kishi	)	Examiner: Paras D. Shah
Appln. No.: 10/656,375	)	Group Art Unit: 2626
Filed: September 8, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 8246
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
AND METHOD THEREOF	)	March 17, 2008

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a January 8, 2008 Japanese Official Action (copy attached, with partial translation) in a foreign counterpart application (Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2002-273254) corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) JP-A 07-203434;
- (2) JP-A 10-214270;
- (3) JP-A 11-205740;
- (4) JP-A 2001-069011;

(5) JP-A 06-030402; and

(6) JP-A 2001-346177.

Abstracts for the Japanese documents are also enclosed. Applicant respectfully submits that US 6,188,831 B1 is in the family of Document (2).

#### FORMAL MATTERS

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#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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